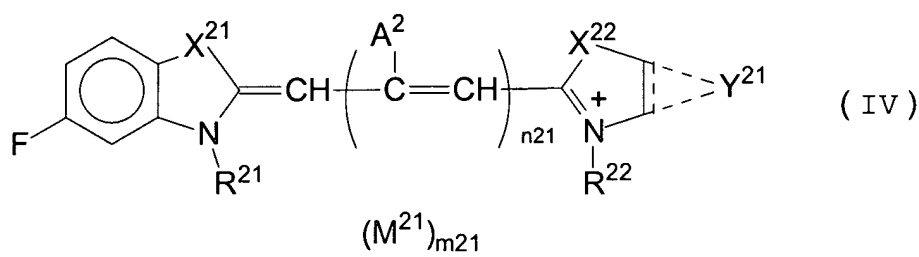


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A silver halide photographic material comprising at least one silver halide emulsion layer provided on a support, said emulsion layer comprising a silver halide emulsion containing at least two different sensitizing dyes, wherein one of the two different sensitizing dyes is represented by the following general formula (IV) and the other dye is represented by the following general formula (II):



wherein

R<sup>21</sup> and R<sup>22</sup> each represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of R<sup>21</sup> and R<sup>22</sup> is substituted by a dissociative group other than -SO<sub>3</sub>H group;

X<sup>21</sup> and X<sup>22</sup> each represent an oxygen atom or sulfur atom;

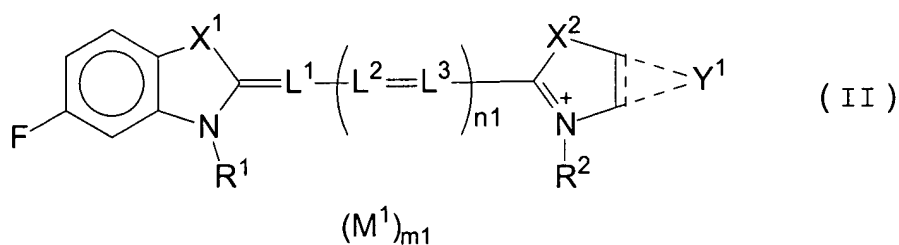
Y<sup>21</sup> represents a condensed benzene ring which may have substituents, wherein the substituents on the substituted benzene ring in Y<sup>21</sup> are not connected to each other to form a condensed ring;

A<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or unsubstituted alkyl group;

n<sup>21</sup> represents 0 or 1;

$M^{21}$  represents a counter ion; and

$m^{21}$  represents a number of not smaller than 0 required to  
neutralize the electric charge in the molecule;



wherein

$X^1$  and  $X^2$  each represent an oxygen atom, sulfur atom, selenium  
atom or  $NR^3$ ;

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  each represent a substituted or unsubstituted  
alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group;

$Y^1$  represents a condensed ring which may have substituents;

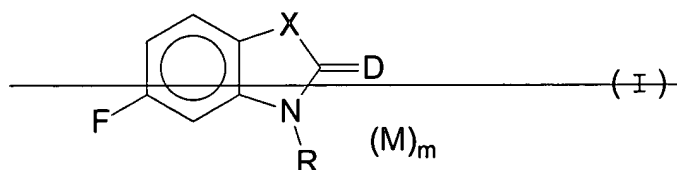
$L^1$ ,  $L^2$  and  $L^3$  each represent a methine group;

$n^1$  represents 0, 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that when  $n^1$  is 2 or  
3, the plurality of  $L^2$ 's and  $L^3$ 's each may be the same or different;

$M^1$  represents a counter ion; and  $m^1$

represents a number of not smaller than 0 required to neutralize  
the electric charge in the molecule

represented by the following general formula (I):



~~wherein X represents an oxygen atom, sulfur atom, selenium atom or NR'; R and R' each represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; D represents a group required to form a methine dye; M represents a counter ion; and m represents a number of not smaller than 0 required to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.~~

2. (Cancelled).

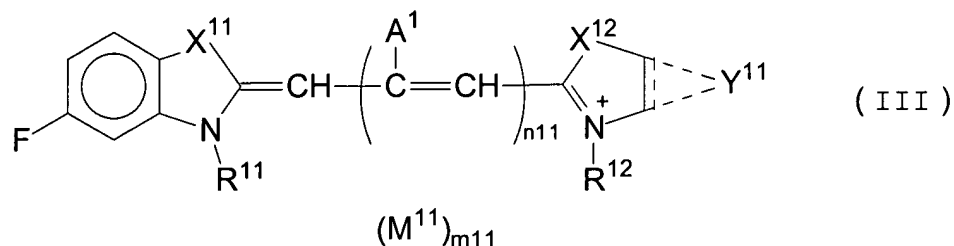
3. (Currently Amended) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 1 ~~Claim 2~~, wherein  $n^1$  in formula (II) is equal to  $n^{21}$  in formula (IV) ~~said two sensitizing dyes are the same.~~

4. (Original) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 1, wherein said two sensitizing dyes each have at least two dissociative groups.

5. (Original) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 4, wherein said sensitizing dyes each have at least one  $-SO_3H$  group and at least one dissociative group other than  $-SO_3H$ .

6. (Currently Amended) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 1, wherein the sensitizing dye of the general formula (II) ~~is the silver halide emulsion in at least one emulsion layer~~

~~comprises at least one sensitizing dye represented by the following general formula (III) and at least one sensitizing dye represented by the following general formula (IV):~~



wherein

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  each represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  is substituted by a dissociative group other than  $-SO_3H$  group;

$X^{11}$  and  $X^{12}$  each represent an oxygen atom or sulfur atom;

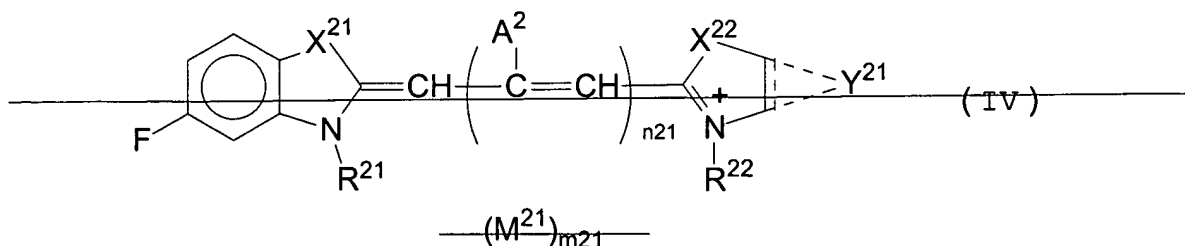
$Y^{11}$  represents a condensed naphthalene ring which may have substituents;

$A^1$  represents a hydrogen atom or unsubstituted alkyl group;

$n^{11}$  represents 0 or 1;

$M^{11}$  represents a counter ion; and

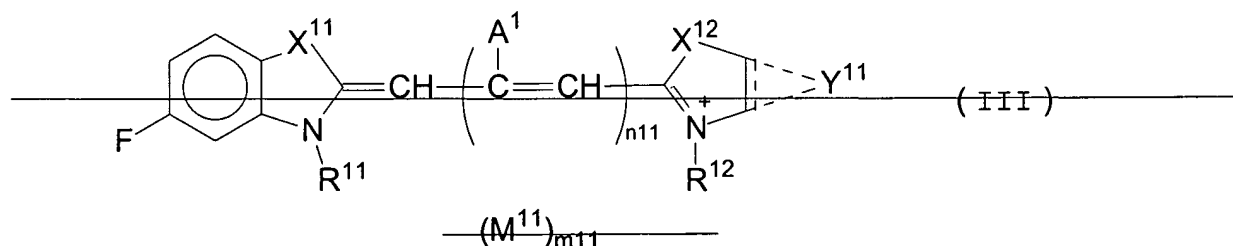
$m^{11}$  represents a number of not smaller than 0 required to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule ~~molecule~~;



~~wherein  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  each represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  is substituted~~

by a dissociative group other than  $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  group;  $\text{X}^{21}$  and  $\text{X}^{22}$  each represent an oxygen atom or sulfur atom;  $\text{Y}^{21}$  represents a condensed benzene ring which may have substituents;  $\text{A}^2$  represents a hydrogen atom or unsubstituted alkyl group;  $n^{21}$  represents 0 or 1;  $\text{M}^{21}$  represents a counter ion; and  $m^{21}$  represents a number of not smaller than 0 required to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A silver~~ The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 6, wherein in formula (III) comprising at least one silver halide emulsion layer provided on a support, said emulsion layer comprising a silver halide emulsion containing at least one cyanine dye represented by the following general formula (III):



wherein  $\text{R}^{11}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  each represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of  $\text{R}^{11}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  is an alkyl group substituted by a  $-\text{COOH}$  group;  $\text{X}^{11}$  and  $\text{X}^{12}$  each represent an oxygen atom or sulfur atom;  $\text{Y}^{11}$  represents a condensed naphthalene ring which may have substituents;  $\text{A}^1$  represents a hydrogen atom or unsubstituted alkyl group;  $n^{11}$  represents 0 or 1;  $\text{M}^{11}$  represents a counter ion; and  $m^{11}$  represents a number of not smaller than 0 required to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

8. (Original) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises tabular grains having an aspect ratio of not smaller than 2 incorporated therein in a proportion of not smaller than 50% based on the total projected area of the silver halide grains incorporated therein.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 1 ~~Claim 2~~, wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  each are selected from the group consisting of oxygen atom and sulfur atom.

11. (Currently Amended) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 1 ~~Claim 5~~, wherein the dissociative group other than  $-SO_3H$  is selected from the group consisting of  $-COOH$ ,  $-CONHSO_2Z$ ,  $-SO_2NHCOZ$ ,  $-SO_2NHSO_2Z$  and  $-CONHCOZ$  in which Z represents an alkyl group, aryl group, heterocyclic group, alkoxy group, aryloxy group, heterocyclyloxy group or amino group.

12. (Currently Amended) The silver halide photographic material as in Claim 1, wherein the emulsion ~~comprising sensitizing dyes represented by the general formula (I)~~ is subjected to chemical sensitization with a selenium sensitizer.